QUEEN VICTORIA IS DEAD

Died at 6:30 o'Clock Last Evening, Surrounded nouncement of her Majesty's death, especby Her Children and Grandchildren.

Recognized the Prince of Wales and the German Emperor at Noon, Then Relapsed Into Unconsciousness, and Passed Away as Night Fell.

FROM THE NEW

Followed by the Doctors' Bulletin, Convey of the work of improving the street. But ing the Sorrowful News to the World.

Scenes in the Bed Chamber at Osborne House While the Beloved Ruler's Life was Ebbing. -Incidents at London.

LONDON, Jan. 22.-Her Majesty, Queen the younger children asked a question Victoria, died in Osborne House, Isle Wight, at 6:30 o'clock this evening. The lord mayor of London received the first official notification of the Queen's death in a telegram from the Prince of Wales, dated "Osborne, 6:45 p. m." The dispatch

My beloved mother has just passed away, surrounded by her children aud grandchildren.

ALBERT EDWARD. James Reid, R. Douglas Powell and

Thomas Barlow, the physicians who were attending her Majesty, issued the following bulletin, dated "Osborne House, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22, 6:45 p. m.:

Her Majesty, the Queen, breathed her last at 6:30 p. m., surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

The Prince of Wales prepared the public for news of the Queen's death in the foilowing dispatch to the lord mayor, sent from Osborne at 4 p. m., two hours and a half before the end of the sovereign's life:

My pa nful duty obliges me to inform you that the life of our beloved Queen is in the greatest dan-ALBERT EDWARD.

In reply to the foregoing telegram, the lord mayor, Mr. Frank Green, dispatched

is shared by the citizens of London; still pray that under Divine providence the irempire may still be averted. Will your servants, a member of the household. heartfelt expression of my deep and sin-

At 7:35 p. m. the lord mayor sent the following in reply to the telegram from the prince announcing his mother's death:

received with profound grief and distress and have communicated this most sad intiesty's name and memory will forever live in the hearts of her people. May I respectfully convey to your royal highness, to all the members of the royal family, the earnest sympathy and condolence of the city of London in your great sorrow."

AT OSBORNE HOUSE.

Incidents of the Last Hours of Her Majesty's Life and Her Death. COWES, Isle of Wight, Jan. 23 .- Queen

Victoria is dead and Edward VII reigns. The greatest event in the memory of his generation, the most stupendous change in existing conditions that could possibly be imagined has taken place quietly, almost gently, on the anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria's father, the Duke of Kent. The end of her career, never equaled by any woman in the world's history, came in a simply furnished room in Osborne House. This most respected of all women, living or dead, lay in great four-posted bed and made a shrunken atom whose aged face and figure were a cruel mockery of the fair girl who in 1837 began to rule over England. Around by intense physical weakness. It was her the King. her were gathered almost every descend- first illness in all her eighty-one years, her dying eyes there hung a portrait of dition grew so serious that, against her the Prince Consort. It was he who de- | wishes, the family were summoned. When signed the room and every part of the

In scarcely audible words the whitehaired bishop of Winchester prayed beside her as he had often prayed with his soyereign, for he was her chap ain at Wind- watchers waited nervously. Suddenly

shrill, childish treble and was immediate ly silenced. The women of this royal family sobbed faintly and the men shuffled uneasily. At exactly 6:30 Sir James Reid held up his hand, and the people in the room knew that England had lost he Queen. The bishop pronounced the bene

SUFFERED NO PAIN. The Queen passed away quite peacefully. few minutes later the inevitable element of materialism stepped into this pathetic chapter of international history, for the court ladies went busily to work ordering their mourning from London

The wheels of the world were jarred when the announcement came; but in this palace at Osborne everything pursued the usual course. Down in the kitchen they were cooking a huge dinner for an assemblage the like of which has seldom been known in England, and the dinner preparations proceeded just as if nothing had happened.

The body of Queen Victoria was embalmed and will probably be taken to Windsor Saturday. The coffin arrived last evening from

An incident characteristic of the Queen's solicitude for others occurred two days ago, when, in one of the intervals of consciousness, she summoned strength to suggest to nurses, to take the oportunity of getting some fresh air. Monday afternoon she asked that her little Pomeranian spaniel be brought to her bedroom.

It was thought the Queen was dying about I in the afternoon and carriages were sent to Osborne cottage and the rectory to bring all the princes and princesses and the Bishop of Winchester to her bedside. It seemed "I have received your royal highness's | then very near the end; but when things sad intimation with profound grief, which looked worst the Queen had one of the ralreparable loss to her Majesty's devoted of Wales, the Princess and Emperor Willfamily and loyal subjects throughout the jam. She asked to see one of her faithful royal highness be pleased to accept this hastened to the room, but before he got there the Queen had passed into a fitful

Four o'clock marked the beginning of the end. Again the family were summoned. and this time the relapse was not followed by recovery. The Prince of Wales was very "Your royal highness's telegram an- much affected when the doctors at last innouncing the nation's great loss I have formed him that his mother had breathed her last. Emperor William, himself deeply affected, did his best to minister comfort to mation to my fellow-citizens. Her Maj- his sorrow-stricken uncle, whose new dignity he was the first to acknowledge.

From all parts of the world there were still pouring in to Cowes messages of condolence. They come from crowned heads, millionaires, tradesmen and paupers, and are variously addressed to the Prince of

Wales and the King of England. GERMAN EMPEROR MAY REMAIN. Emperor William's arrangements are not settled. His yacht arrived here to-day (Wednesday), but it is believed he will not depart until after the funeral. Several other royal personages are likely to be present at the function which will prob-

ably be a ceremony never to be equaled in The record of the last days of the reign of Victoria is not easy to tell. The correspondent of the Associated Press was the only correspondent admitted to Os borne House, and his interview with Si rection of the wind. Arthur John Riggs, private secretary to the late Queen, was the only official statement that had been given out. For several weeks the Queen had been failing. On Monday week she summoned Lord Roberts and asked him some very searching

questions regarding the war in South Africa. On Tuesday she went for a drive, but was visibly affected. On Wednesday she suffered a paralytic stroke, accompanied and she would not admit it. Then her conthey arrived her reason had practically

The events of the last few days, de-With bowed heads the imperious ruler | horseman, who cried, "The Queen is dead." of the German empire and the man who as he dashed through the crowds. Then is now king of England, the woman who down the hillside rushed a myriad of meshas succeeded to the title of Queen, the sengers, passing the fateful bulletin from princes and princesses and those of leas one to another. Soon the surrounding counthan royal Jesignation listened to the try knew that a King ruled over Great bishop's prayer. Six o'clock passed. The Britain. The local inhabitants walked as the tidings to former Empress Eugenie at bishop continued his intercession. One of if in a dream through the streets of Farnborough.

succumbed to paralysis and weakness.

INCIDENTS IN LONDON.

Scenes Just Before the Queen's Death and After the Sad News.

LONDON, Jan. 22.-There is sorrow throughout the British Empire. Everywhere the people are mourning the Queen's death. The latest bulletins previous to the anlally the message sent by the Prince of Wales, dispelled the last gleam of hope, the crowds silently dispersing from in front of the Mansion House and only a few groups awaited the appearance of the final, inevitable announcement.

There was a remarkable scene outside of the Mansion House early this afternoon. On the receipt of the alarming reports, something resembling a groan was uttered by the hundreds of people assembled and then some one started to sing the national anthem. All heads were bared and in a moment the crowds were singing "God Save the Queen" with a fervor proving how earnestly they wished for her recovery. The passengers in private carriages, cabs and omnibuses joined in the singing, the drivers reverentially doffing their hats.

A scrap of paper a foot square, posted on the wall of the Mansion Mouse at 6:50 o'clock to-night gave the first notice to London's homeward hurrying thousands of the death of the Empress Queen and the advent of a King. Access to the bulletin was difficult by reason of the fact that excavations had been made in the course the bare heads of the silent group under a flickering gas jet told the crowds on the bus tops that the Queen was no more.

A quarter of an hour later more than a thousand newsboys had invaded the streets with black-ruled newspapers, crying "Death of Queen," while through dark streets boomed the deep tones of St. Paul's Cathedral and the belis of the city re echoing the news.

Mr. Balfour's message announcing the Queen's death says that her Majesty died

THEATERS CLOSED. All the theaters and places of entertainment, it is announced, will be closed in

There is little doubt that the funeral of Queen Victoria will take place at Frogmore, though nothing in regard to this matter has yet been announced.

Her Majesty was so closely related to

the European courts, big and little, that the gathering of royalties at the obsequies will be unprecedented. The news of the Queen's death reached all the towns in the kingdom a few min-

utes after it was received by the Lord Mayor of London and was quickly spread throughout the country districts by the toll-

Prince and Princess Louise of Battenberg arrived at Osborne just too late to see her Majesty. The papers devote columns of space to

historical and personal reminiscences and the scenes and incidents of the Queen's life. Emphasis was laid on the fact that her Majesty paid the penalty for her devotions of the affairs of state. It is generally recognized that until a few days ago there was no harder worker in the kingdom. Roughly estimated, she signed 50,000 documents yearly. No dispatch of any gravity was ever issued from the Foreign Office until seen by the Queen, and some idea of the work thus entailed is gatherable from the fact that the Foreign Office handies considerably over a thousand dispatches weekly. After every sitting of the House of Commons, the government leader of the House of Commons was in the habit of forwarding to the Queen an abstract of the business done. her dressers, who had been acting as She personally attended to these precis and frequently returned them with marginal notes, asking for explanations,

Ellen Terry's appearance at Sandringham before the Queen is recalled as the only event in which her Majesty ever prompted an actress. Mistaking a pause by Miss Terry for forgetfulness, the Queen gave her the cue very softly. As Miss Terry did not take the cue, the Queen repeated it more loudly, and the actress, suppressing her merriment, accepted the cue and proceeded with her part.

OF PATHETIC INTEREST. Of pathetic interest now is the inscripon on the last wreath of the Queen, which was placed on the Bishop of London's cofname, and this is the first instance on record of such a happening. It was regarded at the time by the court officials as a sign of serious import.

Emperor William's yacht Hohenzollern has been ordered to leave Kiel immediately. She is expected to arrive at Cowes Friday. No arrangements have yet been made for Emperor William's return to Germany, which is dependent upon eventuali-

This evening there were few visible signs n London that anything unusual had happened. A drizzling rain kept most people within doors. Those who were turned away from the theaters or music halls wandered along the streets of the West End without special object. No large crowds gathered

The shops closed as soon as the bells began to toll, and the blinds of Mansion House were drawn down as soon as the message from the Prince of Wales was received by the lord mayor. The bell tolled at St. Faul's Cathedral was the gift of William III, and is used only on occasions of the death of royal personages, Archbishops of Canterbury, lord mayors of London and Bishops of London. The tolling continued for two hours to-day at intervals of a minute, and could be heard for miles in the di-

Some hundreds of people stood in front of the cathedral, around the spot where Queen of her accession to the throne

At the usual dinner of the Hilary Term of Gravs Inn the master teacher said: "Amid great sorrow we must follow the practice of the constitution and recite 'God Save the King." The chapel bell tolled eighty-two

Telegrams arriving from all parts of the play had been ended. pervading all classes. These show that pended. In Dublin the expressions of re-Cardagon, the lord lieutenant, was absent a meeting of the Irish privy council to

The news was received with the greatest sorrow at Balmoral, Windsor and Iston, where Queen Victoria was regarded in a specially personal manner by the in-

body Showed Signs of Becoming Panic-Stricken.

AT CINCINNATI | ered by insurance.

HOUSE A SMOKING MASS.

Nothing Left of the Building Excepthe Walls, and Nothing Saved from the Fittings.

SOTHERN A SUFFERER

WAS PLAYING "HAMLET" WHEN THE FIRE BROKE OUT,

d Assisted in Preserving Order, In stead of Attempting to Save His Company's Effects.

LOSS PROBABLY \$50,000

BUILDING WORTH ABOUT \$200,000 AND THE FITTINGS \$30,000.

other Structures Damaged to the Extent of \$100,000 or More-Narrow Escape of Gymnasts.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 22.-The Grand Opera House is a ruin except for its stanck cuter walls. The circumstances aided by display of coolness, perhaps never witprevented its loss from being saddened into

The play set for the night was "Hamlet" by the E. H. Sothern company. Owing to its great length the play began at 7:45 p. m. The house was packed by a brilliant audi-Many women without escorts were cresent. The first scene had been finished and in the second Mr. Sothern acting the part of Hamlet, had spoken but a few lines when a slight disturbance was observed in the orchestra seats about the fourth row from the orchestra on the caused by smoke at that point. An usher went down the aisle and quietly asked the people to be seated, saying there was nothing wrong. Mr. Sethern at this point stepped to the front of the stage and also as sured the audience that everything was right. To further remove apprehension Mr. Sothern resumed his part, but before he had spoken two lines the smoke issued taneous movement of the people in its

Without further suggestion, or advice, one of the most remarkable scenes ever witnessed in a crowded audience took place. Without a single shout or anything else indicating a leader, the dispersal of the audience began and was carried out with as much order and composure as if fin Thursday last. It did not bear her abundant passage to Vine street gave an easy egress to the greater part of the audience. A large number seated near the crchestra were assisted by the actors and actresses to mount the stage and to make their exit by the stage door on Longworth street. This assistance by the company was all the more appreciated when it understood that it was rendered at the cost of an entire neglect of their own per-

sonal property. LOSSES OF THE ACTORS. A man seated in the fourth row from the orchestra describes the exit of the audience, as one of the most orderly that he ever witnessed. He says there were many women near him without escorts who exhibited the utmost composure and took the forth and Havlin, lessees of the Grand, are best and safest way to reach a place of safety. Nothing to indicate the possibility of a panic occurred. It appears from every indication that the fire started in some way from the furnace underneath the orchestra. It soon communicated to the stage and to this fact is owing the loss of the greater portion of the property of the to Cincinnati on the 4:10 a. m. train. Sothern company. Mr. Sothern estimates his loss at \$50,000. His company was compelled to reach the streets clad in their cestumes and to lose the greater portion of their personal effects left in the theater. Fortunately the gallery, which has the Victoria prayed on the sixtieth anniversary | least commodious means of exits was not crowded and those who were in that part of the theater escaped with no serious acon a steep stairway, but ready help was rendered and there was no one trampled times and the benchers drank the health of | behavior of the people in the balconies, which were emptied as quietly as if the

Notwithstanding the combustible nature burning. This portion of the building was Patrick's Cathedral were tolled. Earl | which had a costly equipment. Adjoining the rear of the opera house, separated by from Dublin yesterday, but it is expected | an alley is the large Butler building. The the roof and two upper floors of that build- to-morrow. ing were practically destroyed. The upper portion of the Gifts Engine House, which adjoins the Butler building was seriously damaged by the fire.

THE LOSSES. The present lessees of the Grand Opera | Massachusetts, died here to-day of paraly-House are Rainforth & Havlin. They are sis. She was seventy-two years of age.

try. It was for him that the old Mozart building was remodeled and made into the Grand Opera House. The building belongs to Mrs. Charles P. Taft, whose husband is the proprietor of the Times-Star. It was bought by her father, the late David Sinton, from the old Catholic Institute, about thirty years ago, for \$200,000. The additions are probably balanced by decrease in valuation in real estate, so that the loss may lessees have an interest in the building representing their outlay in fitting it up amounting to \$30,000 or \$40,000, which is cov-

The principal losers in the Butler building are the American Engraving Company Achert & Henckel Engraving Company, who occupy the upper floor; the Brunes Woolen Company, on the next floor, and S Rosenthal, printer; Proctor & Collier, advertising; Max Wocher & Son, surgical instruments; Ilsen & Co., music publishers; Rausch & Goldsmith and S. Silver, optician. The loss to the greater number of these is from water. The Ilsen Music Company report a loss of \$25,000. The loss on the others will probably reach \$75,000 to \$100,000. There was no insurance on the

In the front portion of the Opera House building, on the first floor, the National Cash Register Company had its quarters. Nearly all of its stock was removed. It was insured for \$5,000. James McArdle, merchant tailor, occupied a large storeroom on the first floor on Vine street. His stock was slightly damaged by water, the fire being confined to the other part of the building. The Cincinnati Gymnaisum have an insurance of but \$2,000 on the property, which was worth \$12,000. Ilsen & Co.'s insurance is \$12,000 and Rausch & Goldsmith

Grand Opera House building

Across the street from the Butler building and the Gifts engine house is the Palace Hotel. It required all the skill of the manager to prevent a panic among the guests. A few of the most nervous did have their trunks taken down stairs, but the bulk of them were brave enough to remain in the hotel,

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE. There have been several theories ad vanced concerning the origin of the fire Mr. Charles Schmalastig, secretary of the Sinton estate, said: "I was in the theater about 8:05 o'clock seated in the balcony. left side, front row. I glanced below and saw the flames below the stage, and hastily went to investigate. Reaching the boiler room I found everything all right. By this time people had become alarmed and were hastily leaving though in no excited rush. I believe the fire started in the electrical room by crossing of wires. We will rebuild

and be ready for next season." Mr. Michael Gavin, general manager of the stage part of the house blamed the fire on the "supers," who he said were probably smoking down stairs. Peter Mc-Carthy, guardian of the actresses' dressing rooms, said that the fire did not start in a

dressing room. Probably the most danger was experienced by the occupants of the gymnasium They were in a remote upper part of the building far removed from the origin of the fire and with no means of quick communication with the theater proper. Many of the members were engaged in exercising gymnasium costumes. There was more or less panic in this part of the building when the alarm reached the gymnasium. Many of the members rushed down the stairway half clad, while others were rescued by fire ladders. At one time there was rumor that one or two of them had been hurt, but it was not confirmed.

Mr. Sothern spent some time after tak ing his wife to her hotel in the vicinity o the fire. He announced that he expected to meet his next engagement at Detroit as usual. Mrs. Sothern, who rendered heroic assistance to the ladies near the stage by helping them to escape in that way, com pletely collapsed after the excitement was over and had to be taken to her room.

Years ago a private entrance was erected leading from the Gifts Engine House into the balcony of the theater. This was don for the double purpose of securing assist ance in case of fire and of affording the members of the fire company an opportunity to become the guests of the opera house. To-night this entrance served an known. In the lower part of the house the excellent purpose in affording means of escape to the occupants of that portion of

Family Escaped Unhurt. Manager Anderson, of the Grand Opera

House, arrived in the city at noon yesterday, intending to take the midnight train for Chicago, where he was called to at tend an important meeting of the Associated Vaudeville Managers. While witnessing the performance last night, he was called to the telephone and advised of the burning of the Grand Opera House at Cincinnati, and that his wife and family, who were witnessing the performance, had escaped unhurt. A peculiar condition of affairs exists in theatrical circles in Cincinnati. Manager Anderson, in addition to owning the Columbia, is also the lessee of the Walnut-street Theater. Managers Rainthe owners of the Walnut, and lease to Manager Anderson. The owners, therefore, are very anxious to get possession of their former property, and over the telephone entreated Manager Anderson to return immediately to Cincinnati, so the latter gave up his intended Chicago trip and returned

OBITUARY.

Stephen Parsons Myer, Who Built a Number of Southern Railroads.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 22.-Stephen Parsons Myer, aged seventy-two years, well-known contractor, died to-day of pneumonia. Mr. Myer was one of a crew of men that threw the first spadeful of earth for the building of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. He built a number of lines in the South, but his greatest work He also built a section of the Chicago six sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Helen Millington. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 22.-Mrs.

Helen Millington, for many years a prominent contributor to current periodicals. died in this city to-day, aged sixty-three fire entered this at the upper stories and | years. The funeral services will be held

Mrs. Anna Louise Paddock. DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 22.-Mrs. Anna Louise Paddock, widow of the late Right Rev. Benjamin H. Paddock, bishop of

EDWARD VII NOW REIGNS

Prince of Wales Has Become King of England and Ruler of the British Empire.

He Will Return to London This Morning, Hold a Privy Council in St. James Palace, and Take the Oath of Succession.

PARLIAMENT TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON

Ministers to Swear Allegiance to Edward, and the King to Issue His Proclamation.

Speculation as to What Will Happen Under the New Sovereign and His Consort-Kind Words from the "Thunderer."

reigns in England. He has not yet been proclaimed King, but on the death of Queen Victoria he became sovereign. He will return to London to-morrow and hold a privy council in St. James Palace in the morning, at which he will take the oath of succes-

The arrangements were completed this evening for meetings of the privy council and Parliament, the statutes providing that they shall assemble immediately on the death of a sovereign. The privy council can gather together within a few hours. The ministers will attend, give up their seats of office, be re-sworn, receive the proclamation of the new King, pass votes of condolence and congratulations and adjourn. After giving up their seats, the ministers will receive them back from the new ruler. The privy councilors will also be sworn afresh. Parliament must assemble within twenty-four hours of the death of the Queen, in accordance with the precedent in the case of George IV. Four o'clock is the time set for the opening of Parliament to-morrow afternoon. Telegrams have been dispatched to all memers of the House of Commons urging them to attend the session.

Lord Clarendon, the new lord chamberlain, with Prince Christian, of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Duke of Argyll, arrived at Osborne this afternoon. It is the lord chamberlain, who, with the Archbishop of Canterbury, announces to a new monarch his accession to the throne.

At the offices of the Lord Chamberlain. at St. James's Palace; of the city remembrancer, at the Guild Hall, and at the College of Heralds, the officials were busy to-day, even before the death of the Queen was announced, preparing for the formalities which will attend the proclaiming of a new ruler of the United Kingdom and India. All the ancient gazettes, court circulars and other papers which describe the ceremonial of 1837 had been taken from the libraries, that the officials may familiarize themselves with the form of pageantry whereby a sovereign is proclaimed. The city remembrancer said to-day: "It will depend upon the pleasure of the

new monarch to decide how far the ancient customs will be modified to suit modern methods, but in a country where precedents are so firmly adhered to as England, it may be anticipated that we shall follow closely on the acts which prevailed when the Queen ascended the throne. The Privy Council, which is a very large body, will meet at once at St. James's Palace, where by custom. The King will come to Lonthe form of proclamation, declaring that don to preside over the Council. 'We,' etc., 'with one voice and consent of tongue and heart, declare and proclaim the high mighty, Prince Albert Edward,' etc., 'who, by the death of the monarch, has become our only lawful and rightful liege,' etc. This proclamation will give the new title the King may assume; but this is not yet announced to us. The proclamation will then be sent to the Herald's College, and the following day the earl marshal. the garter-king at arms, the herald's pursuivants and other officials, the college members, with the household troops, will proceed from the palace, clad in their splendid surcoats, and proceed to Trafalgar square. There the king-at-arms will halt. command slience, and read the proclamation. Proceeding down the Strand to Temple Bar, a hait will again be made, to demand an entrance into the city to proclaim was the building of the Colorado Midland, the King. There the lord mayor, sheriffs in their state carriages, will form a great drainage canal. Mr. Myer left a widow, procession, and when the earl marshal's party comes just within the city boundary the proclamation will be read again, and the procession will pass down Ludgate Hill | may confidently predict that he will be a and Cheapside to the Royal Exchange. where similar ceremonies will close the

> UNDER THE NEW SOVEREIGN. People Wondering What Will Hap-

pen-Ceremonies To-Day. LONDON, Jan. 23, 1:10 a. m.-Absolute silence reigned to-night in the vicinity of

LONDON, Jan. 22.-Edward VII now posted outside, announcing the demise of the monarch.

Everywhere to-night the one topic of

fortune of the dead Queen would be distributed, the general notion being that Osborne House would go to Princess Beatrice and that she and Princess Christian would come into a considerable portion of Victoria's wealth. The probability that King Edward will take up a practically permanent residence in Buckingham Palace was much canvassed. This is a question that comes very much home to Londoners. Queen Victoria's preference for Balmoral Castle and Osborne House has been a complaint of long standing in the metropolis; and it is hoped that the new reign will see a change in this respect. The presence of the court in London would give a brightness and gayety which have

long been absent. Not until Queen Victoria has been laid to rest beside the Prince Consort at Frogmore will the theaters or music halls reopen. Moreover, business will come to practical standstill. The music in all the hotels and public places has ceased. Fashonable resorts were empty and very few of the nightly habitues were in evidence. The St. James, Princes and other prominent restaurants, have already discarded alluring colors for sombre black.

Americans who have passed through great national calamities may recall the crepe-draped buildings, but they can illconceive, since the dea ... of Lincoln, any such expression of gloom as has already ough House, so long the home of the new nonarch, Buckingham Palace, where Queen Victoria, made her last stay in London, and St. James ralace, the residence of so many former monarchs, were all black and deserted. Sentries in black overcoats kept silent vigil before the closed gates and bolted doors. The population, therefore, slowly dispersed as the night

Shortly before midnight an official announcement was issued calling Parliament to assemble at 4 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon to enable members of the House of Lords and House of Commons to take the oath of allegiance to King Edward VII. The Privy Council will meet in London to-day and the proclamation of the King will occur thereafter at all places required

"LONG LIVE THE KING!"

London Times Welcomes Edward VII to the Throne.

LONDON, Jan. 23 .- The Times publishes a two-column article under the caption, "Loyal Appreciation of the New King." in which it says: "If anything can in some measure console the Nation for the irreparable loss it has sustained, it is the wellfounded conviction that the Queen has left behind her a worthy successor, who may be trusted to walk in her footsteps. In the whole range of English social and political life no position is more difficult to fill satisfactorily and without reproach than that of the heir apparent; and it may be justly said that the way this position has been filled has contributed to the remarkable increase in the devotion to the throne and the dynasty which has been one of the striking characteristics of Victoria's reign. As Albert Edward has been a scrupulously constitutional prince, we scrupulously constitutional King. In the fulfillment of his onerous task he will have by his side a Queen who is already enthroned in the hearts of her loving subjects."

THE NEW KING.

Chronological Record of Albert Edward-His Sons and Daughters. Athert Edward, Prince of Wales, hered-

Buckingham Palace and Marlborough I itary Duke of Cornwall, Baron Renfrew House. A small bill, signed "Balfour" was and Lord of the Isles, was born at Buck-